

Boeing 737 Skids Into St. Johns River



Photo by MCSA Thomas A. Higgins

A Boeing 737 aircraft carrying 143 passengers from Naval Station Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, sits in the St. Johns River after sliding off the runway at Naval Air Station Jacksonville, Florida, May 3. All of the passengers were rescued by fire and emergency personnel. National Transportation Safety Board officials led the on-scene investigation.

Cuba rotator flight slides off runway, all 143 passengers survive

By Kaylee LaRocque

NAS Jax Public Affairs Officer

A Miami Air charter Boeing 737 aircraft with 143 aboard slid off the Naval Air Station Jacksonville (NAS Jax) runway into the St. Johns River May 3. The aircraft was on a routine flight late that evening from Naval Station Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. All 136 passengers and seven air crew survived the crash with minor injuries. Firefighters transported 22 patients to Naval Hospital

Jacksonville and local hospitals. All were released over the weekend including a 3-month-old baby.

Firefighter/Emergency Medical Technician Michael Lapine and Firefighter Russell Russ of First Coast Navy Fire and Emergency Services

were the first to respond to the scene. After realizing the magnitude of the emergency, they quickly called for assistance and both jumped into the water to get passengers to safety.

"I was scared. I was pretty terrified. Actually, when I heard the kids crying and it was still popping off lightning, someone said there was fuel in the water, I felt like we're running out of time," said Russ. "And with the current, we weren't sure if the plane was going to shift. We just felt it was important to get the passengers to a safe location away from that airplane."

"I don't think I would have ever imagined in my wildest dreams that a 737 passenger airplane could be sitting in the St. Johns River," said Lapine. Lapine credits the passengers for their heroic

actions helping one another out of the aircraft.

"It's in our DNA that we want to help people at their worst moments," he said. "We want to help them the best we can. I'm always appreciative of the people that have their gratitude and express it. The true heroes in this whole situation were the passengers on that aircraft."

Nearly 80 members of the Jacksonville Fire and Rescue Department and the Jacksonville Sheriff's Office immediately responded to the incident. "Personnel from all over Jacksonville came together to form one team to combat a life and death situation," said First Coast Navy Fire and Emergency Services Fire Chief Mark Brusoe.

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VP-45 recognized for ASW excellence

By **Lt. j.g. Thomas Armistead**
Patrol Squadron 45 Public Affairs

The “Pelicans” of Patrol Squadron (VP) 45 were awarded the 2019 Capt. Arnold Jay Isbell Trophy April 29 for demonstrating superior anti-submarine warfare (ASW) capabilities in the P-8A community.

Capt. Craig Mattingly, commander, Patrol and Reconnaissance Wing (CPRW) 11, presented the award to VP-45 Commanding Officer Cmdr. Mark Zematis during command quarters.

The Isbell Award recognizes the squadron throughout the Maritime Patrol and Reconnaissance Aircraft (MPRA) community that best demonstrates outstanding performance in the areas of ASW. This award is a testament to the achievements VP-45 has accomplished, and its ability to maintain peak operational readiness.

Isbell was a naval aviator from Oto, Iowa. He served as the VP-54 commanding officer where he received an air medal. Isbell commanded USS Card (CVE 11), an escort carrier, in the Atlantic during World War II, where he received the Navy Distinguished Service Medal for Card’s impressive record of sinking German submarines. After being promoted to captain, he was to command USS Yorktown (CV 10) in the Pacific when the ship he was aboard en route to Yorktown was bombed off of the coast of Okinawa March 19, 1945. He never arrived at Yorktown.

“When considering our mission to deny the enemy effective use of their submarines and surface targets, the Isbell Award is clear recognition of each



Photo courtesy of VP-45
Capt. Craig Mattingly, commander, Patrol and Reconnaissance Wing 11, congratulates Patrol Squadron 45 as recipients of the Capt. Arnold Jay Isbell Trophy for anti-submarine Warfare excellence April 29.

Pelicans’ ability to hold any target at risk anytime, anywhere,” said VP-45 Executive Officer Cmdr. Paul Nickell.

Echoing that sentiment, Lt. Cmdr. John Reid, VP-45 training officer, agreed that the hard work and dedication of VP-45 Sailors is the driving force behind the squadron’s success. “We are proud to receive this award, it is a reflection of the tireless effort of our operators and our maintenance team,” said Reid.

VP-45 is a part of CPRW-11 and is currently stationed at Naval Air Station Jacksonville supporting continued anti-submarine warfare and surface warfare dominance and training.

Brush fire at park creates morning haze

A brush fire at Tillie K. Fowler Regional Park across from NAS Jacksonville decreased visibility as a smoky haze blanketed U.S. Highway 17 and the station May 15. Jacksonville Fire and Rescue Department and Florida Forestry Service were managing the fire which is believed to have started by a lightening strike.



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Photos by Kaylee LaRocque

Former members of Navy Mobile Construction Battalion 14 gather for a group photo May 7 at Naval Air Station Jacksonville Patriot's Grove following a ceremony to honor seven members of their unit killed in Iraq in 2004.

Ceremony Honors Seven Fallen Seabees

By Kaylee LaRocque
NAS Jax Public Affairs Officer

Fifteen years ago, seven Seabees of Naval Mobile Construction Battalion (NMCB) 14 were killed in Al Anbar Province, Iraq, in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

The battalion honored its fallen Seabees May 5 during an annual memorial service at Naval Air Station (NAS) Jacksonville Patriot's Grove.

"We recently moved the monument to the park to be part of the Patriot's Walk which commemorates

fallen military members," said Lt. j.g. Eric Shimer, officer in charge, NMCB 14, Detachment 2414. "We hold this ceremony each year to commemorate our Seabees lost in Iraq. Two were hit by an improvised explosive device April 30, 2004 and then a couple days later, five more Seabees from our unit were killed by mortar fire." NAS Jacksonville Command Chaplain Cmdr. Allen Brooks gave the invocation and Lt. Jorge Santini, NMCB, 14, Detachment 4214 training officer was the master of ceremonies.

"We are here to honor our Seabees who

sacrificed their lives for the country we all cherish," said Santini. "We pause today to remember the enormous price our brothers and their families have paid, and continue to pay so we, and all Americans, can enjoy the freedom we have been given."

Randy Bushey, president of the NMCB-14 Alumni Association and former NMCB-14 Seabee Ed Crenshaw participated in a wreath-laying next to the monument as Taps was played. CM2 Jared Richardson of NMCB-14, Detachment 2414, performed the bell-ringing as each of the seven names were read.

Paying the ultimate sacrifice were SW2(SW) Jason Dwelley, EO3 Christopher Dickerson, BU2 Michael Anderson, EO2 Trace Dossett, CM2 Scott McHugh, BU2 Robert Jenkins and SW3 Ronald Ginther.

"It's an honor to remember our fallen," said retired EO1 Michael Vorburger. "Many of us were there when it happened. Our job was to build facilities and put together tactical movement teams to escort security force convoys. We lost seven members of our unit and another 31 were injured."

"The unit is no longer based aboard the station and moving this monument was the final project. I'm just glad it is in its final resting place," he added.

Following the ceremony, former members of the unit gathered for a group photo and met with family members of the fallen to shed some tears as they remembered those lost in battle.

Randy Bushey, president of the NMCB-14 Alumni Association, left, and Ed Crenshaw, former NMCB-14 Seabee, salute during the playing of Taps to pay tribute to seven Seabees from the battalion who were killed in Iraq in 2004.





Photo by Susan Brink

Contractor partners working for the U.S. Navy check the containment boom (yellow) that was placed around the Boeing 737 aircraft, May 5, after the aircraft slid off the runway at NAS Jacksonville into the St. Johns River. The containment boom was put in place to capture any environmental contaminants that may leak from the aircraft.

NAS Jax Works Together During Mishap

From NAS Jax Public Affairs Office

Follow the incident May 3, NAS Jacksonville Commanding Officer Capt. Michael Connor sent out an email to the command stating, “The true character of an organization and its employees can be seen when under stress; even more so when it occurs at probably the worst time – late on a Friday evening. I am proud to say that the

character of NAS Jax and our employees is extremely strong.”

For those outside the gates, who might be unaware of the many moving parts and organizations involved, this is a snapshot of how some of the NAS Jax team helped during this mishap.

“I just did what I always do during emergencies. I have a pretty specific role as an assistant to the command duty officer. I maintain correspondence with the regional operations center and provide an accurate illustration of the situation and assist with situation reports. This situation was much different than a hurricane and obviously very different from drills. Jim Butters, Jim Altman and the command drills us to such an extent that my level of awareness was perfect for the operational tempo.”

-IC1 Elzie Byrd, Honor Guard Leading Petty Officer

“Supply logistics provided additional aviation fuels/defueling hoses to defuel the stricken aircraft. The team also helped coordinate with the emergency and information technology managers to purchase cables/power strips and for the use of a printer. We remained on standby until the National Transportation Safety Board reported on scene.”

-John Vasile, NAS Jax deputy supply officer



Photo by MC2 (SW/IW) Nick A Grim

Navy contractor partners utilize a spud barge crane to pull the detached landing gear of a Boeing 747 aircraft from the St. Johns River at Naval Air Station Jacksonville, May 6.



Photo by MCSA Thomas A. Higgins

A Boeing 737 aircraft carrying 143 passengers from Naval Station Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, slid off the runway at Naval Air Station Jacksonville, Florida into the St. Johns River May 3. Navy and local emergency services personnel immediately responded to the scene.

“I was sitting in the EOC and we learned that the hospital was at capacity and we needed a facility to take additional people. I made the decision to open the Youth Activities Center and bring in cots. The American Red Cross brought in refreshments and the NAS Jax Fleet and Family Support Center (FFSC) staff opened up an emergency family assistance center. The whole event was a bit of a blur. The folks that stayed there had been released from the hospital out in town and arrived around 5 a.m.”

-John Bushick, NAS Jax Morale, Welfare and Recreation director

“I helped a customer and the young lady with said they were survivors of the crash. They had just left the hospital and came straight to the Navy Exchange to get her ready for the prom that night at a local high school. She showed me a picture of the dress she had here. She had lost her shoes with her luggage on the plane so I helped her find the shoes she needed. Later that day, she came back and we did her make-up for the prom.”

-Kim Hudson, Navy Exchange Cosmetics Department manager

“The first thing I did when I arrived at the emergency operations center (EOC) was coordinate with Duval County EOC and the Florida State Department of Health to assist with reunification of passengers and family members. I also coordinated with the Jacksonville Sheriff’s Office and Clay County Sheriff’s Office to help with front gate security. Then I managed the evening shift of the EOC until it was secured.”

-Jim Butters, NAS Jax Training Officer

“I arrived at the EOC to provide the emergency record of events. Everyone worked together to make sure the passengers on board were okay, had a place to stay and were provided food.”

-YN2 Quinntina Wright, NAS Jax Administration Department



Photo by MCCA Monica R. Hopper

Plane passengers and emergency response personnel gather in the ceremonial hanger bay on Naval Air Station Jacksonville (NAS Jax) following an incident on base when a Boeing 737 aircraft carrying 143 passengers from Naval Station Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, slid off the runway at NAS Jax into the St. Johns River, May 3.

"The Navy Gateway Inn and Suites (NGIS) staff helped a family locate local services needed for an event they flew in for. We did some research and helped them find what they were looking for. The hotel was ready for more people but there weren't that many who needed a place to stay. We have great leadership here and are always ready to take care of our service members."

-Angelita Metz, NGIS front desk

"During the event, I was the operations chief in the emergency operations center. We assisted in updating situational reports for Commander, Navy Installations Command (CNIC). I also assisted with lodging for the passengers who needed a place to stay."

-PSCS Devanan Sookram, NAS Jax Administration Department

"We immediately coordinated our employees to have someone to meet family members at the gate and at the local hospitals. We assisted hospital staff putting linens and pillows on cots. As people started to fall asleep, we comforted the survivors as they came down from their adrenaline rush of the night's experience. We opened up the EFAC that morning to help assess the survivor's needs. I have to give kudos to everyone who arrived to help. I was so proud of the professionalism and compassion of everyone who was there. This is my third actual crisis response in the five years I've been an FFSC employee and all three were different."

-Tracie Carter, NAS Jax FFSC counselor



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Navy contractor partners use spud barge cranes to lift a Boeing 737 aircraft from the St. Johns River and place it on a barge for transport at Naval Air Station Jacksonville, May 6.

"I got the call to get to our hospital. Once inside our emergency department, I quickly got a status report from our physicians and clinicians. We had numerous staff from across the hospital on-scene with everyone working together. We treated a lot of minor injuries, including concussions, head and neck pain, chest and belly pain, a broken finger, and two severe bruises to the scalp. The patients were calm and tired; it was late at night. They also understood the need to triage patients, to treat the most serious cases first. They were grateful were there to take care of them. It was professionally satisfying to successfully put our mass casualty plans and drills into practice, in a situation where all the people were eventually determined to be safe. This is what we do here all the time - take care of patients."

-Capt. Todd Ochsner, NH Jacksonville emergency medicine physician



Photo by Tiffany Young

A view of a Boeing 737 that skidded into St. Johns River prior to it being lifted by spud barges and transported from Naval Air Station Jacksonville, May 6.



Photo by MCCA Monica R. Hopper

Firefighters and first responders provide aid and assistance to the rescued passengers from the Boeing 747 that skidded off the runway into the St. Johns River on Naval Air Station Jacksonville, May 13.

“Security first responders assisted in the evacuation of military and civilians from the aircraft and directed them to awaiting ambulances and buses. We directed buses to hanger 117 and assisted in gathering the head count for crash victims against the aircraft manifest to ensure we had all personnel from the aircraft. Security established a control perimeter around the incident to ensure only key and essential personnel were allowed access to the crash site. Security also established an incident log at the crash site, hanger 117 and Flight line gate 119 to track all EMS responders and supporting agencies. I activated my watch sections to port and starboard to support all security requirements that were needed to ensure the crash site was secure. I also coordinated with Jacksonville Zone Four Assistant Chief of Police Mr. Mike Johnson, Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWCC) and the Coast Guard to establish a 24/7 security zone at the crash site covering the land and waterways.”

- LCDR Shawn Kline, NAS Jax Security Officer

“All the local organizations coming together, worked so seamlessly. You couldn’t tell if it was a Jacksonville Fire and Rescue Department firefighter or a base firefighter.”

-NAS Jax Fire Chief Mark Brusoe

“Because this was a region spill response (off station property), I supported the Navy on-scene coordinator. I responded to questions, supported response personnel with entry to the base and monitored spill booms to minimize release of fuel outside the containment area. I also made reports to the National Response Center.”

-Bill Raspet, NAS Jax Environmental

“Chaplain Shaw from the hospital stayed there providing care to the passengers. I went to Hangar 117 early Saturday morning to help. It was a great morning for ministry, I prayed and spoke with the family who lost their pets. I helped the family with a young lady here for her prom get support needed to be ready that night for her prom. I prayed with the father of the child who was in the hospital out in town. I helped the Catholic chaplain aboard the aircraft make arrangements to continue on his trip. I was just thankful everyone survived and was okay.”

- NAS Jax Command Chaplain

Cmdr. A. Keith Brooks



Photo by MCSA Thomas A. Higgins

A Boeing 737 aircraft that skidded off the runway into the St. Johns River from Naval Air Station Jacksonville is photographed May 4.



Photo by Julie M. Lucas

The plane's engine was damaged during the impact of landing. All items on the plane will be inspected during the investigation.

"With Capt. Connor onsite, Capt. (Brian) Weiss in the Emergency Operations Center (EOC), I was in Hangar 117 with the passengers, passing information back and forth to the EOC in real time. I was working to be a consistent voice for issues and concerns. If I told someone I'd get back to them in an hour; I'd make sure and find them in an hour to pass along information. Some of the items I facilitated was scheduling buses to the airport, staging gear removal from the plane, dry clothes to the hospital and blankets from the barracks. The key was listening and trying to meet needs with no gaps in communication. Organization among chaos helped keep everyone calm."

- NAS Jax Command Master Chief Jeffery Waters

"I'm still kind of in disbelief. To me, I had no sense of what the time was, for me, time just stopped. Everyone was very calm and I think that helped in our situation of extricating them. They listened to everything we said. It's in our DNA that we want to help people at their worst moments. We want to help them the best we can. I'm always appreciative of the people that have their gratitude and express it. The true heroes in this whole situation were the passengers on that aircraft."

- Firefighter/EMT Michael Lapine

"With the current, the fuel in the water, lightning, we weren't sure if the plane was going to shift. We just felt like it was important to get them to a safe location away from that plane. I was scared. I was pretty terrified. Actually, when I heard the kids crying it was still popping off lightning, someone said there was field in the water, I felt like we're running out of time."

-Firefighter Russell Russ



Photo by Julie M. Lucas

The plane is lifted by a crane off the barge in Green Cove Springs, where the National Transportation Safety Board will conduct its investigation into the flight.

A Personal Thank-You from a Passenger

My two children and I were passengers on the plane that crashed last Friday into the St. Johns River. We had gone to Cuba to visit my husband who is on deployment and was in port there for a few weeks. Though the crash was scary, we weren't injured beyond some minor whiplash.

I am writing to you because I am so grateful to all the agencies who showed up to assist us after the incident. From the firemen and police officers who helped me and my small kids get out of the lifeboat and safely over the slippery rocks, to the EMTs who made sure that the whiplash wasn't more serious. Then there were the bus drivers who got us to the hangar and eventually to the hospital where

we spent the night. Everyone at all the stages were incredibly solicitous and kind. Even most of the other passengers stopped by to encourage me and high-five the kids and tell them how brave they were. At the hospital, they put us in our own room and Red Cross stopped by with the chaplain to make sure we were emotionally stable and make sure we had enough blankets and dry clothing to be comfortable. The hospital staff brought the kids stickers and coloring pads and made sure we had towels and hygiene supplies so that we could take a hot shower. The next day, we were able to arrange a commercial flight, but while waiting, the Red Cross brought in breakfast sandwiches, coffee, water, gatorade, pizza (all

donations, I believe), and Fleet and Family Support Center helped me with the kids and once again checked that I was doing okay and that we didn't need to talk to someone or need anything else. Capt. Connor stopped by personally again to check with each of the passengers to make sure we were okay and didn't need anything.

Long story short, I just wanted to send a big thank-you to everyone (I'm sure I left a bunch of people out). Everyone was encouraging and kind and we felt so well-cared for. I think that NAS Jacksonville and the local community did an excellent job attending to an unexpected emergency situation and my husband and I are both very grateful.



By Lt. Weston Henderson
CPRW-11 Public Affairs

AMC Jared Michael White, 39, assigned to Commander, Patrol and Reconnaissance Wing(CPRW) 11, passed away May 7 in Jacksonville, Florida.

White, a native of Boston, Massachusetts, inspired by his grandfather, James Whall, enlisted in the U.S. Navy in March 2000. After

completing recruit training at Recruit Training Center, Great Lakes, Illinois, he reported for duty at Air Test and Evaluation Squadron One. In September 2002, White reported to Naval Air Station (NAS) Jacksonville to serve with Patrol Squadron (VP) 16 as an airframe structural mechanic. During this tour, White deployed to NAS Sigonella, Italy in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

In January 2007, he reported to VP-30 where he worked in the “Trouble Shooter” shack maintaining more than 27 P-3C aircraft. At VP-30, White was named “Maintainer of the Year” in 2008. He continued his career at NAS Jacksonville serving with VP-45 from February 2010 to October 2015.

During this tour, White completed two successful deployments to Comalapa, El Salvador and Kadena Air Base in Japan. While at VP-45, he was named VP-45 “Maintainer of the Year” in 2012 and “Senior Sailor of the Year” in 2013. White joined CPRW-11 in November 2015

serving as the airframe subject matter expert, training more than 86 personnel assigned to seven different commands. White helped implement critical revisions to 27 maintenance instructions and standard operating procedures.

White earned seven Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medals, six Good Conduct Medals, and numerous unit and service awards during his naval career. He served over 19 years of distinguished and honorable service to the United States Navy.

White is survived by his parents, Jim and Mary White, siblings, Brandon White, Evelyn Meredith, and Randy White, grandfather, James Whall, and nieces/nephews, Logan White, Justice Margist, Kyle White, Ryan Meredith, and Jackson White.

NAS Jacksonville military and civilian personnel are invited to honor his life and dedicated naval service during a memorial mass at NAS Jacksonville St. Edwards Catholic Chapel at a time to be determined.

Florida Native is VP-5 Senior Sailor of the Quarter



Photo by AWO2 Trenton Jameson

AM1 Steve Berger, assigned to Patrol Squadron 5, removes the engine access panel in order to complete inspections May 12.

By AWO2 Trenton Jameson
Patrol Squadron 5 Public Affairs

AM1 Stephen Berger, a native of Hollywood, Florida, has been recognized as Senior Sailor of the Quarter for the second quarter by Patrol Squadron (VP) 5 Commanding Officer Cmdr. Robert Wilkerson.

This Sailor has carried lessons learned from his Florida hometown with him and using them has led to his day-to-day successes in the United

States Navy.

“One of the most important things I carried with me from my hometown was my work ethic and driven attitude,” Berger stated.

Ten years later, Berger now serves as the leading petty officer (LPO) in the Airframes Work Center.

“As the Airframes LPO, I am responsible for the safe upkeep and inspection of P-8A aircraft airframes systems to include structural integrity, hydraulic systems, and landing gear systems,”

said Berger.

A 2001 graduate from Davie Academy High School, Berger is now an aviation structural mechanic for the P-8A Poseidon aircraft. This aviation platform operates as part of the United States Navy Maritime Patrol and Reconnaissance Aviation community.

As a senior enlisted Sailor, Berger takes pride in educating and developing the junior Sailors he oversees. “I truly enjoy watching my Sailors grow and master their rates. The sense of pride they feel when they accomplish something that they never thought they would, makes all the hardships worth it,” he said.

Berger is optimistic about the future of his naval career and the challenges that are to come.

“I often feel that my day-to-day routine is an accomplishment if I am able to create better processes that can be implemented in the future of my career field,” Berger said. “I do not feel that I have reached my peak yet, and I know there will be many more milestones to look back on once my career comes to an end.”

Berger’s adherence to the Navy core values of honor, courage, and commitment will continue to lay the foundation for many future Sailors.

The “Mad Foxes” of VP-5, who are based out of NAS Jacksonville, are currently deployed to Kadena Air Force Base in Okinawa, Japan. Throughout the deployment, they will conduct maritime patrol and reconnaissance and theater outreach operations within the 7th Fleet area of operations.

VP-8 Holds Change of Command Ceremony in Japan

By Lt. j.g. Victoria Spies
Patrol Squadron 8 Public Affairs Officer

Cmdr. Rodney Erler Jr. assumed command of Patrol Squadron (VP) 8 from Cmdr. Zachary Stang during a change of command ceremony at Misawa Air Base, May 7.

The VP-8 “Fighting Tigers” are homeported at Naval Air Station Jacksonville, Florida, and currently deployed to the northern Japan U.S. naval installation.

Stang commanded the P-8A Poseidon squadron, along with its 300 Sailors, since May 2018, successfully leading the team through a Fleet Response Training Plan, and deployment to 4th and 7th Fleet in April 2019. The “Fighting Tigers” excelled under his leadership, earning several accolades including the Golden Wrench Award, Chief of Naval Operations Safety Award, Blue M, and Retention Award.

Erler, who previously served as VP-8’s executive officer, becomes the 71st commanding officer of the squadron.

He said, “It has been a great honor to serve as Cmdr. Stang’s executive officer and I have gained invaluable mentorship and guidance from this experience,” said Erler. “I look forward to leading this group of warfighters through this deployment.”

A native of Salem, Oregon, Erler assumed command of the squadron on



Photo by MC1 Jerome Johnson

Cmdr. Zachary Stang, left, transfers command of Patrol Squadron (VP) 8 to Cmdr. Rodney Erler, during a change of command ceremony at Misawa Air Base. VP-8 is deployed to the U.S. 7th Fleet (C7F) area of operations conducting maritime patrol and reconnaissance operations in support of Commander, Task Force 72, C7F, and U.S. Indo-Pacific Command objectives throughout the Indo-Pacific region.

their current deployment to both 4th and 7th Fleet. He joined the squadron in May 2018, helping guide the Fighting Tiger Team through their FRTP and onto deployment.

Stang is transferring to the staff of Commander, Task Force 57 in Manama, Bahrain.

Cmdr. Jeremy Lyon, a native of Hesperia, California, has assumed the duties of executive officer. He was previously assigned as a congressional appropriations liaison under the Secretary of the Navy.

Faces of NAS Jax

Kenneth McCarthy, program manager for the Morale, Welfare and Recreation Liberty Program, is this edition’s of Face of NAS Jacksonville. McCarthy, is a native of Lindenhurst, N.Y. His favorite job to date was working with the Teen and Youth Sports program in Atsugi, Japan.

“It was the most rewarding position I have ever been in,” said McCarthy. “Being involved in the lives of so many youths had a significant impact on me.” One of his goals while in Florida are to visit the Keys with his family and go fly fishing for bonefish or tarpon. Outside of work, he says he likes to spend time with his wife and kids, go fishing, and fly first-person view racing drones.



Kenneth McCarthy
Liberty Center
Program Manager



Photo by MC2 (SW/IW) Nick A. Grim

May is Military Spouse Appreciation Day

Naval Air Station Jacksonville Executive Officer Capt. Brian Weiss signs a proclamation designating the month of May as Military Spouse Appreciation Day May 10 as representatives of the Fleet and Family Support Center look on.

VP-5 Strengthens Relations with Royal Malaysian Air Force



Courtesy photo

Sailors assigned to Patrol Squadron (VP) 5 pose with members of the Royal Malaysian Air Force inside a P-8 Poseidon aircraft during the Royal Malaysian Air Force Subject Matter Expert Exchange, May 6. VP-5 is currently deployed to Kadena Air Force Base in Okinawa, Japan. Throughout the deployment, they will be conducting maritime patrol and reconnaissance and theater outreach operations within 7th Fleet area of operations.

By Lt. j.g. Bryan Mullins and Lt. j.g. Reed Acre
Patrol Squadron 5 Public Affairs

Sailors assigned to the “Mad Foxes” of Patrol Squadron (VP) 5 joined the Royal Malaysian Air Force (RMAF) for the Malaysian Subject Matter Expert Exchange (MYS SMEE) May 6-10.

This exercise is held on a quarterly basis, serves to strengthen relations between the two countries, and advances the common goal of improved maritime domain awareness.

The engagement included an aviation symposium, where SMEEs from both countries exchanged their expertise on the capabilities of their respective aircraft, and techniques for all phases of flight to include: mission planning,

briefing, in-flight execution, and post flight.

Combat Aircrew One (CAC-1) took six RMAF riders and three United States embassy riders into the WMD-412A working area to display and execute the material exchanged during the aviation symposium.

“This was my first detachment, but it was one I will never forget,” said AWO2 Marcus Arduini, one of CAC-1’s acoustic operators. “The RMAF were fantastic and I hope I get another opportunity to work with them again in the future.”

CAC-1 hosted Maj. Gen. Dato’ Tengku Muhammad Fauzi bin Tengku Ibrahim and Brig. Gen. Anuar Anas bin Abdul Wahab of the RMAF for an orientation flight.

“It was an honor being able to take those gentlemen flying with us,” said Lt. Bryan Mullins, a naval flight officer for CAC-1.

“They were very down to earth and extremely knowledgeable,” he added. “The crew we brought down to Malaysia had a great time, we learned a lot working with the RMAF, and we are looking forward to further strengthening our relationship with them.”

The Mad Foxes, based out of Jacksonville, Florida, are currently deployed to Kadena Air Force Base in Okinawa, Japan. Throughout the deployment, they will be conducting maritime patrol and reconnaissance and theater outreach operations within 7th Fleet area of operations.

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VP-8 Participates in NAF Atsugi Spring Air Show

By Lt. j.g. Lorentez Barbour
Patrol Squadron 8 Public Affairs

The “The Fighting Tigers” of Patrol Squadron (VP) 8 traveled to Naval Air Facility (NAF) Atsugi April 26-29 for a combined exercise with Air Test and Evaluation Squadron (VX) 51, a Japanese Maritime Self-Defense Force (JMSDF) P-1 squadron, to participate in the NAF Atsugi Spring Friendship Festival. NAF Atsugi’s annual spring festival is an open base festival where the airfield gates are opened to the community surrounding Atsugi, allowing the host nation to experience and interact with operators of military aircraft from the US and Japan.

Each year the festival attracts upwards of 50,000 members from the surrounding communities, who are eager and excited to see aircraft such as the U.S. Navy’s P-8A Poseidon, F/A-18 Super Hornet, and the JMSDF’s P-1 Patrol Aircraft. Visitors are able to see these aircraft up close, providing the opportunity to meet and interact with the aircrew and maintenance personnel who operate the aircraft. The air show is a rewarding experience for the members of the community who attend as well as the military personnel who get to host and talk about their aircraft.

The air show also provided the opportunity for the U.S. and Japanese forces to test the interoperability between their newest anti-submarine platforms.



Photos by MCI Jerome Johnson

AWO3 Jay Thornton, left, AWO2 Austin Swanson, center, and AZ1 Ronald Ford discuss the P-8A Poseidon capabilities while passing out squadron merchandise at the 2019 Naval Air Facility Atsugi Air Show. VX-51’s P-1 and VP-8’s P-8A Poseidon tested various methods of secure communication that will be tremendously beneficial to the success of future combined operations. The outcome of the exercise was an important step in operational capabilities to the United States Navy and the JMSDF. Japan’s Fleet Air Forces Commander Vice Adm. Naoki Sonoda, and U.S. Navy Command Task Force (CTF) 72 Commander Capt. Brian Erickson were both in attendance. “These events enhance interoperability and improve coordinated operations within the US Navy and JMSDF Maritime Patrol Forces,” said Lt. Chad Fox.

Following the flight, Erickson commented on the day’s success, stating, “The effective use of the mission system on these two platforms provides for more efficient exchange of information while navigating language barriers.” VP-8 is deployed to the U.S. 7th Fleet (C7F) area of operations conducting maritime patrol and reconnaissance operations in support of Commander, Task Force 72, C7F, and U.S. Indo-Pacific Command objectives throughout the Indo-Pacific region.

Lt. Cmdr. John Inman, right, of Patrol Squadron 8, explains the benefits he sees in the improving coordination operations of the mission systems between the P-1 and P-8A to Japan’s Fleet Air Forces Commander Vice Adm. Naoki Sonoda as Command Task Force 72 Commander Capt. Brian Erickson listens.

PLANE

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Unfortunately, three pets were not able to be saved in the cargo hold of the aircraft. “As soon as we got word there were pets in the belly, JRFD jumped in and went to the only hatch they could find. They swam in there but there was nothing they could do, unfortunately,” said Russ. NAS Jax Commanding Officer Capt. Michael Connor addressed the media a couple hours after the incident during a press conference. “I think it’s a miracle,” said Connor. “We could be talking about a different story this evening, so I think there’s a lot to say about the professionalism of the folks who helped the passengers off the airplane because it very well could be worse.” Passengers were swiftly transported to Hangar 117 and triaged by medical personnel. While some lived in the local area, others continued on their journey. Those needing temporary lodging, were

provided rooms aboard the station, hot meals and clothing. The Fleet and Family Support Center set an Emergency Family Assistance Center for those needing help. “It was a true team effort. Fire, Air Ops, MWR, Supply, Security, FFSC, and the list goes on. Every department chipped in and answered the call. To each of you involved, thank you for your service and commitment,” Connor stated in an email to all hands. “After speaking with several of the passengers, I know that they were extremely appreciative of all your efforts.” Five days after the crash, Navy contract partners lifted the aircraft onto a barge and floated it down the river to Reynolds Industrial Park in Green Cove Springs, Florida. National Transportation Safety Board representatives are investigating the cause of the accident.



Photo by Kaylee LaRocque

Naval Air Station Jacksonville Commanding Officer Capt. Michael Connor talks to the press May 5 to provide updates regarding the plane incident aboard the station Friday night.

VP-8 Conducts Exercise with Brunei Military

By Lt. j.g. Victoria Spies
Patrol Squadron 8 Public Affairs Officer

The “Fighting Tigers” of Patrol Squadron (VP) 8 participated in a bilateral exercise with the Royal Brunei Navy and Air Force, April 30. The event, one of many in recent years, was a continuation of strengthening the partnership between the United States and Brunei.

Throughout the exercise, the KDB Daruttauqwa (09), a Royal Brunei Naval Offshore Patrol Vessel, and VP-8’s Maritime and Patrol Reconnaissance Aircraft P-8A Poseidon worked closely together to build a complete maritime domain picture off the northern coast of Brunei. Six members of the Royal Brunei Navy and Air Force participated aboard the P-8A to observe the event and tour the aircraft.

The United States continues to strengthen partnerships throughout the Indo-Pacific region by enhancing maritime security cooperation with regional navies. VP-8 has recently been deployed to the 4th and 7th Fleet areas of responsibility, conducting theater and national level tasking in support of 4th Fleet, 7th Fleet, U.S. Pacific Fleet, and U.S. Indo-Pacific Command.



Courtesy photo

Sailors assigned to the “Fighting Tigers” of VP-8 present the Royal Brunei Navy with a plaque to show appreciation for hosting a recent bilateral exercise between the two countries. VP-8 is deployed to the U.S. 7th Fleet (C7F) area of operations conducting maritime patrol and reconnaissance operations in support of Commander, Task Force 72, C7F, and U.S. Indo-Pacific Command objectives throughout the Indo-Pacific region.

101 Critical Days of Summer SURVIVAL GUIDE

100% is the survival rate for heat exhaustion when rapid and proper treatment is administered

The inside of a parked car can reach high temperatures within minutes:
78 degree day = 120 degree car
90 degree day = 160 degree car

80% of people who die from drowning are male

70% of heat stroke deaths occur in younger children

Over **50%** of diving accidents involve alcohol use

Always check the depth of the water before diving

19% of drowning deaths involving children occur in public pools with certified lifeguards

Every **2** hours - is when sunscreen should be reapplied and each time you get out of the water or sweat heavily

Stay “cool” this summer!





Celebrate Taco Tuesday at the Flightline Cafe galley

The Fiesta is May 21, from 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. The price is \$5.60 and cash is preferred. This meal is open to all ID cardholders.

Menu includes Grilled Chicken Quesadilla, Fish Tacos, Beef Fajitas, Mexican Rice, Refried Beans, Mexican Corn, Seasoned Green Beans, Jalapeno Cornbread, Chicken Tortilla Soup, Assorted Taco Toppings, Assorted Desserts, Assorted Beverages

Reminder: No open-toed shoes are allowed in the galley!





NAS JAX SPORTS NEWS

BEAN BAG TOSS SINGLES TOURNAMENT - MAY 20

The tournament is open to active duty, selective reservists, DoD civilians, DoD contractors, and military spouses assigned to a command at NAS Jacksonville. The tournament will start at 5 p.m. at the pavilion behind the base gym and the fitness center. Commands will receive five captain's cup points for each participant with a maximum of 30 points per command. Commands will receive 15, 10, 5 additional points for finishing first, second and third place.

BADMINTON SINGLES LEAGUE MEETING - MAY 22

The league is open to active duty, selective reservists, DoD civilians, DoD contractors, and military spouses assigned to a command at NAS Jacksonville. The meeting will be held at the base gym at 11:30 a.m. Commands should send a representative to the meeting to discuss the rules and to get the required paperwork to register for the league. Commands will receive five captain's cup points for having a representative at the meeting. The matches are played on Mondays and Wednesdays at lunchtime.

For more information, call Bill Bonser at 542-2930/3239 or e-mail bill.bonser@navy.mil

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3-on-3 Sand Volleyball Standings

Teams	Wins	Losses
NAVFAC Gold	6	0
NAVHOSP Two Bump Chumps	7	1
FRCSE Sand Blaster	6	1
TPU/PCF	6	2
NOSC Sets on the Beach	3	2
NOSC O's + 1	2	3
FACSFAC	2	6
RLSO/DSO	2	6
FRCSE I'd Hit That	1	4
NAVFAC Red	1	5
NOSC No Regrets	0	6

Got H2O?

By Keith Desbois
DeCA Public Affairs Specialist

Whether hiking your favorite nature trail or soaking up some rays pool-side, one important thing to remember is that you have to stay hydrated.

No matter the summer activity, your commissary can help you stay hydrated with its wide selection of thirst-quenching products, including Freedom's Choice water, sports drinks and water flavoring. And staying hydrated begins with paying attention to thirst.

"If you are feeling thirsty, you are already dehydrated," said Joanna Ward-Brown, who directs the Army Wellness Center at Fort Lee, Virginia. "I always advise my clients to carry water with them to remind them to stay hydrated."

Some signs of dehydration include muscle cramps, headaches, excess sweating and a feeling of hunger which can be mistaken for thirst. If you develop any of these symptoms, seek shade, stop exercising, drink water or a sports drink and seek medical attention as soon as possible. Heat illness is an inherent risk when exercising in hot conditions and can affect even the best-conditioned athletes, according to an article from the American College of Sports Medicine.

By the way, you don't have to be a gym rat or a workout warrior to pay attention to staying hydrated. Considering that the body is mostly water, it is imperative that you replenish that water throughout the day to stay healthy. Even if you are just relaxing on the beach, you are still

losing water and need to remember to hydrate. The recommended amount of water the average person needs daily is eight, eight-ounce glasses, Ward-Brown added.

When being extremely active during the summer months, sometimes your body will shed more vitamins, minerals and electrolytes than water alone can replenish.

For activity lasting more than an hour, Ward-Brown recommends supplementing your water intake with a sports drink. They are designed to replace crucial electrolytes and carbohydrates while hydrating at the same time.

For those who don't drink as much water as recommended because it is bland, there are products that can flavor your water and make it more appealing. Just remember to read the label to be aware of sugar content and other ingredients as some contain caffeine.

Finally, try to stay away from beer and alcohol while enjoying the summer heat. If you do indulge in them, drink no more than one an hour and supplement with plenty of water in between.

Summer time is fun, and with a little planning and a trip to your commissary you can stock up on water and your favorite sports drinks to ensure you stay hydrated. While you're at it, stop by the military exchange and pick up a new water bottle or personal filtration or hydration system to go with that cart-load of bottled water.

For more information on hydration, health and wellness, contact your local Army Wellness Center or service branch equivalent to get the latest on being fit and staying healthy. You can also check out the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention website for tips on water and WebMD for information about fluids for sports and fitness.

Spring Softball Standings

Teams	Wins	Losses	Ties
NH Nature Boys	10	1	
FRCSE Nerd Herd	11	0	
FRCSE Tailgators	9	2	1
CPRW-11 Griffins/TPU-PCF	10	2	1
CNATTU	8	3	1
VP-62 Broadarrows	8	4	
NMC/HSM-74	7	4	1
VP-16	2	1	
VP-30 Staff	5	6	
VP-30 Hairy Claws	5	6	1
VR-58/VR-52	4	5	
NAVHOSP Off in Church	4	6	
NBHC Silver Bullets	4	6	1
VP-26	2	3	
HSM-70	4	7	1
NOSC/CRS-10	3	7	
VP-45 Pelicans	3	8	
CBMU202	3	8	1
VP-30 Dirty Thirty	1	10	
FRCSE Under dogs	0	8	

Soccer Standings

Teams	Wins	Losses
VP-10	10	0
FRCSE Nerd Herd	10	1
FRCSE Saved by the Whale	9	2
VP-30 Wardroom	6	3
NH Jax	6	5
HSM-74 Swamp Fox	5	4
Hitron	4	5
VP-30	3	6
VR-58/VR-62	3	9
HSM-70/HSM-60	2	8
NAS Jax	2	9
NOSC/NRSE RCC	1	8



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Community Recreation

Call 542-3227

Movie on the Green

May 17, sunset at the NAS Jax Golf Course
Watch "How to Train Your Dragon: The Hidden World" on our giant inflatable screen from the comfort of the deck of Mulligan's or bring your own picnic blanket and hangout on the lawn all for free! Popcorn is free! There will be a special menu prepared just for the evening, but patrons may also order food & beverages from the regular menu.

DIY Crafts: Paint Night

May 21, 7 – 9 p.m. at Dewey's

Open to ages 18 & older. Tickets are \$25 per person and available at Community Recreation in Bldg. 622 or online through myFFR. Limited spots! Food & beverages available for purchase. No outside food or beverage.

Summer Reading Kick-off Event

June 3, 5 – 8 p.m. at River Cove

All ages are invited to join the 2019 summer reading program! Featuring a magic show, crafts, games, the opportunity to register for the program & information about the Navy Digital Library.

Comedy Show

June 8, 7 p.m. at Dewey's

Open to ages 18 and older. Doors open at 5:30 p.m., dinner served at 6 p.m. and the show will start at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$15 and include: buffet dinner, comedy show and soft drinks. With comedians Katie Johnson as host, Johnny Mac and featuring Dean Napolitano. A cash bar will be available. Purchase tickets at the Tickets & Travel Office or the Community Recreation Office in Bldg. 622.

DIY Crafts: Bottle Openers

June 14, 7 – 9 p.m. at Dewey's

Open to ages 18 & older. Each participant will receive all the supplies to make a personalized wood bottle opener with catcher. Choose your image at registration and then choose your paint color and stain options the night of the event. Tickets available at Community Recreation in Bldg. 622 or online through myFFR. The cost of \$25 per person covers supplies & one soda, beer or wine. Limited spots! Food & beverages available for purchase. No outside food or beverage.

Dewey's

Call 542-3900

Looking for a great place for your afternoon hail & farewell events, why not Dewey's? Great food, 16 draft choices, full bar, soda, tea & coffee. Let us customize a menu or reserve some space for your group! Click here for further inquiries.

Mondays and Thursdays: Free Texas Hold'em Tournaments at 7 p.m.

Bingo: Great cash payouts, even better jackpots! Lunch and evening sessions available. Call (904) 542-8449 for current promotions and times. Spring Bingo Mania: Join us on April 20. Tickets are on sale now: \$80 per person. Purchase to guarantee your seat!

Freedom Lanes Bowling Center

Call 542-3493

80 Days of Summer: May 31 – Sept. 1
Win prizes all summer long when you visit NAS Freedom Lanes. The more games you bowl, the more chances you have to win big! Youth 17 & under can bowl two free games each day over the summer through the KIDS BOWL FREE program.

Command Functions: Looking for a great command function? Why not a bowling event? Fun for all! Click here to set up an event for commands, families, spouses groups & more!

Monday: \$7 All you can bowl, 4–6 p.m.

Wednesday: \$8.95 All you can bowl, 4 – 10 p.m.

Thursdays: Active Duty Appreciation Day!

Games are \$1 each for Active Duty & their

guests, 11 am - 3 pm. Reservations accepted. Thursday Nights: \$10 All you can bowl, 6 - 10 pm, includes bowling & shoe rental. Food & beverage specials available. Chances to win prizes just by participating!

Friday: \$10 Extreme Bowling, 10 p.m. – midnight. Shoes included.

Saturday: Extreme Bowling, call for current pricing & times.

Please note, the specials do not include shoes unless stated otherwise

Fitness, Sports & Aquatics

Call 542-2930

Yoga by the Water

June 18, 4:30 p.m. at the Mulberry Cove Marina

Bring your own yoga mat to the Mulberry Cove Marina Pavilion for an hour of Vinyasa Yoga flow. All fitness levels are welcome to join! Mats will be provided as needed.

Runway 5K

June 22, 7 a.m. at Hangar 117

Pre-register online before 9 am on June 17 at www.1stplacesports.com/events/race-calendar. The race is open to all who have their own base access. The first 300 to register and run will receive a t-shirt. Race day registration will be held 5:30 - 6:30 a.m. at Hangar 117 across from the Airfield Tower. Packet pick-up will be held June 20-21 from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. at the Base Gym. Swim lessons now available! Call the Base Gym for more information.

Indoor Pool and Outdoor Pool

Visit www.navymwrjacksonville.com for hours of operation.

Patrons can select from a variety of massage types, including Swiss, Deep Tissue/Sport, as well as other spa services, such as facial & body treatments. For a complete list of services, visit the base gym or fitness center.

NAS Jax Golf Club

Golf Course: 542-3249

Mulligan's Restaurant: 542-2936

Early Birdies Special June 1 – Aug. 12

The Golf Course & Mulligan's will open at 6:15 am! Beat the summer heat & sign up for a tee time as early as 6:30 am. Schedule yours today!

Junior Golf Camps

Sign up your kids for summer golf camps today! The camps will run Monday through Friday from 9 - 11 am on the dates for each age group posted below. The cost is \$140 per child. Ages 6-10: June 10 - 14, June 24 - 28, July 22 – 26. Ages 11-17: July 8 – 12.

Appreciation Days

May 9 & 23 for all Military members & DoD employees. Play 18-holes with cart for \$20.

Swing It & Wing It Special: Play 18 holes with a cart and enjoy 10 wings and two draft beverages for only \$30 after 1 p.m. daily.

Daily Twilight Special: Play 18-holes with cart for only \$20 after 3 p.m. Monday - Friday.
Monday & Tuesday: Play 18-holes for \$20.
Cart & green fees included. Not applicable on holidays.

Mulberry Cove Marina
Call 542-3260

Thursdays: Free kayak & canoe rental all day for Active Duty members & guests only.
Private Sailing Lessons: One on one instruction available at \$20/hour by appointment only. Minimum 2-hour session.
Stand Up Paddleboard Lessons: Open to all first-timers by appointment only. Free & taught by a World Paddleboard Association Certified Instructor.

Auto Skills Center
Call 542-3681

The center has 22 work bays, wheel balancing, tool checkout, paint booth and welding ASE certified mechanic onsite.

Youth Activities Center
Call 778-9772

Youth Summer Camp
Online enrollment is open now through May 24. Visit MilitaryChildCare.com to register today!
Before & After School Care; Open to children 5-12 years Register today!

Family Fitness Center
Call 771-8469

The Family Fitness Center is open Monday – Friday, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. Bring your children! Children 5 and older are welcome to workout with you. Group classes are available from 10 – 11 a.m.

Jax Navy Flying Club
Call 542-8509

Learn to fly at NAS Jax
Call for introduction flight
Additional ratings are available including instrument, complex and commercial
Find more info online at jaxnfc.net

Community Recreation Tickets & Travel Office

Call 542-3318,
Email directly at nasjaxtickets@navy.mil
New Kids on the Block – Veteran’s Memorial Arena
July 12, \$96.25 - \$107.25.
Paw Patrol Live!
August 3 & 4 - \$29.
Alan Jackson – Veteran’s Memorial Arena
Sept. 21, \$82-\$115.50.
FSCJ Broadway Series Shows – Prices vary on seating and dates
Thrasher Horne Broadway Series
One Night in Memphis: May 19, \$30.

Current Ticket
Promotions Include the Following:

Defense Health Agency’s Research and Development Director Visits Naval Hospital Jacksonville



Photo by Jacob Sippel

Rear Adm. Mary Riggs (center) speaks with Capt. Susanne Blankenbaker (right), director of nursing services, and staff at Naval Hospital Jacksonville’s Multi-Service Unit on May 16. The hospital was the first in the Navy to transition to the Defense Health Agency on Oct. 1, 2018. Riggs serves as Defense Health Agency's director of Research and Development, deputy director of Navy Nurse Corps, deputy command general of Medical Research and Material Command, and Defense Health Agency’s interim chief nurse executive.

Adventure Landing Dry pass: \$22.
Adventure Landing Waterpark: \$20.50. Combo (dry pass and waterpark): \$32.50.
Alhambra Dinner Show: Prices range \$40 - \$50.
Autobahn Indoor Speedway: (28% Savings) \$25
Gift Card - \$20. \$50 Gift Card - \$40.
Biltmore Estates Ashville, NC: Adult - \$54, Youth - \$29.
Catty Shack Ranch Wildlife Sanctuary: \$8.50 - \$13.50.
Disney World Orlando Armed Forces 2019 Salute 4-Day ticket with hopper option - \$236.50; 4-Day Hopper ticket with water park fun & more - \$285.25. 5-Day ticket with hopper option - \$252.00; 5-Day Hopper ticket with water park fun & more - \$300.75. Tickets valid Jan. 1, 2019 and expire Dec. 19, 2019. Only Active and Retired U.S. Military Personnel (including Active or Retired members of the National Guard, Reservists, the U.S. Coast Guard, the Commissioned Corps of the Public Health Service (PHS), and the Commissioned Corps of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) “or” their spouses are authorized to purchase Military Promotional tickets. - (6) Promotional Maximum purchase per service member, including member- If service member has an annual pass or multi-day ticket they can purchase (5) Promotional Maximum and Must enter with party.
Jacksonville Jumbo Shrimp: \$5 Active Duty and Family, \$8 Retired/Veterans/DoD and Family.
Jacksonville Symphony: \$31.
Jacksonville Zoo, General admission & admission w/unlimited train rides: \$12.50 - \$21.50.
Paintball Adventures!: Military special includes everything except paint balls - \$15.

Six Flags: \$46.50 .
Six Flags White Water: \$43.
Spanish Military Hospital Museum: \$5 - \$7.50.
St. Augustine Alligator Farm Zipline: \$37, Park admission \$9.50 - \$15.
St. Augustine Aquarium: Adult \$8. Child Admission - \$5. Snorkel Adventure (Includes Admission) \$32.
St. Augustine Old Town Trolley: \$7.50 - \$21.25 BOGO.
St. Augustine Oldest Store Museum: \$5 - \$8.
St. Augustine Pirates Museum: \$3 - \$8.
St. Augustine Potters Wax Museum: \$5.75 - \$8.
St. Augustine Sight Seeing Train: \$5.50 - \$12.
Universal Orlando Military Special Redeemable through 12/31/19 (Not available at the gate! No Black-Out Dates. Maximum of 6 tickets per valid military ID) Ticket Option #1: 2-Park, 4-Day Park to Park Ticket, Adult \$184, Child \$179 (Redeemable through 12/31/19, ticket expires on this date). Valid for 4 days of admission to Universal Studios Florida, Universal’s Islands of Adventure and Universal’s Volcano Bay Water park. Ticket Option #2: 3-Park, 4-Day Park to Park Ticket, Adult \$239, Child \$234 (Redeemable through 12/31/19, ticket expires on this date). Valid for 4 days of admission to Universal Studios Florida, Universal’s Islands of Adventure and Universal’s Volcano Bay Water park. Visit the Ticket Office for further details.
Velocity Air Sports Jacksonville: 1 Hr. (socks included): \$15.50. 2 Hr (socks included) \$26.
Wild Adventures (Valdosta, Ga.): Gold Pass – \$89. Seasonal – \$92. 1 Day: \$36. 2 Day: \$42 (must be used consecutively).
World Golf Hall of Fame & Museum: \$14.75.